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Re:	RCE	Application No. 09/681,431	
RD-27,767-2			

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Attached is RCE for application 09/681,431. If you have any questions, please call me at 518 387-7354.

Thank you, *AC* 3/16/04
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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/681,431
Filing Date	4/4/01
First Named Inventor	Radislav A. Potyrailo
Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Brian J. Sines
Attorney Docket Number	RD-27,767-2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14866 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
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 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other Submission _____

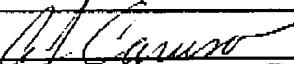
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-0868.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
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- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
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In re Application of Radislav Alexandrovich Potyrailo : Group Art Unit 1743
Serial No. 09/681,431 : Examiner Sines, Brian J.

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SIR:

A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) has been made for the referenced case. As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, this Submission is intended to be fully responsive to the most recent Office Action in this case mailed on December 16, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.